

APPENDIX A - CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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1. (Previously Presented) A method for treating incontinence, the method comprising:
aligning a probe body with a collagenous pelvic tissue; heating a treatment volume of at least 100 cubic millimeters of the collagenous tissue using the aligned probe body.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the treatment volume is separated from a urethra by at least about 1 cm.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the treatment volume is offset laterally from the urethra to a right side or left side.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the treatment volume comprises at least 300 cubic millimeters of collagenous tissue, wherein the heating is performed so that the treatment volume is heated to a temperature of at least 70° C. for a time of at least 30 seconds, wherein the treatment volume is offset laterally from the urethra to a right side of a patient, and further comprising heating another treatment volume offset laterally from the urethra to a left side of the patient, the other treatment volume comprising at least 300 cubic millimeters of collagenous tissue and heated to at least 70° C. for at least 30 seconds.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the treatment volume is heated to at least about 65° C. for at least about 100 seconds.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the treatment volume is heated to at least about 75° C. for at least about 10 seconds.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising applying a dwell time after a desired heating temperature is achieved so as to increase treatment tissue volume.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the treatment volume has a length orientation extending along a urethra, a depth orientation extending between the collagenous tissue and the probe body, and a width that is greater than the length of the treatment volume.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the treatment volume has a length orientation extending along a urethra, a depth orientation extending between the collagenous tissue and the probe body, and a width that is less than the length of the treatment volume.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising registering a position of the treatment volume along an axis of the urethra with reference to a guide body disposed within the urethra.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising registering a position of the treatment volume with reference to bone.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the probe is aligned so that an intermediate tissue is disposed between the probe body and the treatment volume.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the treatment volume comprises tissue separated from the aligned probe body by a distance within a range of about 2 to 8 mm.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the treatment volume comprises tissue separated from the aligned probe body by a distance within a range of about 2 to 4 mm.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the heating is performed so as to inhibit necrosis of the intermediate tissue.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the heating is performed while cooling the intermediate tissue.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the heating is performed without cooling of the intermediate tissue.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the heating is performed by tip movement of at least a pair of electrodes supported by the probe body.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the treatment volume increases as the tip movement speed decreases.
21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the treatment volume comprises at least 300 cubic millimeters of collagenous tissue.
- 22-47. (Canceled)